

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A cleaning sheet adapted to clean a surface of a heating roll in a fixing device, which causes a recording sheet bearing a toner image formed of a magnetic toner containing a magnetic material to pass through the fixing device under a state in which the recording sheet is in press contact with the surface of the heating roll having arranged thereon a contact component in contact with the surface of the heating roll and heated to a fixing temperature to rotate, to perform fixing of the toner image, comprising a synthetic resin sheet with a thickness of 100 μm or more, which is made of a thermoplastic resin with a melting point higher than the fixing temperature and Rockwell hardness of M60 or more or thermosetting resin with Rockwell hardness of M60 or more, the sheet passing through the fixing device under a state of being in press contact with the surface of the heating roll to thereby remove an aggregate mainly containing the magnetic material adhering to the surface of the heating roll.

2. (Original) A cleaning method comprising: causing a synthetic resin sheet with a thickness of 100 μm or more, which is made of a thermoplastic resin with a melting point higher than a fixing temperature and Rockwell hardness of M60 or more or thermosetting resin with Rockwell hardness of M60 or more, to pass through a fixing device, which causes a recording sheet bearing a toner image formed of a magnetic toner containing a magnetic material to pass through the fixing device under a state in which the recording sheet is in press contact with a surface of a heating roll having arranged thereon a contact component to be in contact with the surface of the heating roll and heated to the fixing temperature to rotate, to perform fixing of the toner image under a state in which the synthetic resin sheet is

in press contact with the surface of the heating roll to remove an aggregate mainly containing the magnetic material adhering to the surface of the heating roll.

3. (Original) A cleaning method according to claim 2,

wherein the synthetic resin sheet is caused to pass through the fixing device under the same conditions as those at the time of fixing.

4. (Original) A cleaning method according to claim 3,

wherein the synthetic resin sheet is caused to pass through the fixing device with a dot-like or line-like toner image formed on one side thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) A cleaning method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~
claim 2,

wherein the aggregate mainly containing the magnetic material has a visually recognizable size.

6. (Original) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image producing device which forms a toner image formed of a magnetic toner containing a magnetic material and transfers the toner image to a recording sheet; and

a fixing device which causes the recording sheet on which the toner image is born by the image producing device to pass through the fixing device under a state in which the recording sheet is in press contact with a surface of a heating roll, which has arranged thereon a contact component in contact with the surface of the heating roll and is heated to a fixing temperature to rotate, to perform fixing of the toner image,

the image forming apparatus having an operation mode that causes a synthetic resin

sheet with a thickness of 100 μm or more, which is made of a thermoplastic resin with a melting point higher than the fixing temperature and Rockwell hardness of M60 or more or thermosetting resin with Rockwell hardness of M60 or more to pass through the fixing device under a state in which the synthetic resin sheet is in press contact with the surface of the heating roll, with the operation mode executed at a predetermined time.

7. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6,
wherein, at the time of execution of the operation mode, the fixing device operates under the same conditions as those at the time of fixing.

8. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein the synthetic resin sheet has a specific dot-like or line-like fixed toner image formed on one side thereof.

9. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein, at the time of execution of the operation mode, the synthetic resin sheet is conveyed to the image producing device to form a specific dot-like or line-like unfixed toner image on one side of the synthetic resin sheet, and the synthetic resin sheet with the toner image formed thereon is conveyed to the fixing device.

10. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6,
wherein the operation mode is executed based upon judgment of a user.

11. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6,
wherein the operation mode is executed at the time when a replacement part is

mounted.

12. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 9,
wherein, at the time of image formation for test or confirmation of setting, the
operation mode is executed by using the synthetic resin sheet as a recording sheet therefor.

13. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising
an accommodating section that stores the synthetic resin sheet.

14. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein:
the synthetic resin sheet is enclosed together with accessories for the image forming
apparatus and stored.

15. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein:
the synthetic resin sheet is enclosed together with replacement parts for the image
forming apparatus and stored.

16. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein:
the synthetic resin sheet is delivered to a user according to notification from the user
to a service center.

17. (New) A cleaning method according claim 3,
wherein the aggregate mainly containing the magnetic material has a visually
recognizable size.

18. (New) A cleaning method according to claim 4,
wherein the aggregate mainly containing the magnetic material has a visually
recognizable size.